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1. Until January 1953, every Soviet unit in Germany placed an impression of its unit stamp on bills of lading of goods and equipment transported by the German railways on behalf of the Soviet Forces of Occupation. A GOFG order of January 1953 forbade the use of unit stamps on railway bills of lading.

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2. The new procedure, as laid down in the above mentioned order, was as follows: each unit was to be issued a tear-off book of vouchers (kvitantsii). These were obtainable from the Secret Documents Section (Sekretnaya Chast) of Rear Services (Tyl) of (in my case) 4th Gds. Mecz. Army Hqs. Each sheet was stamped in advance with a rubber stamp bearing a FPN which [redacted] was that of the Rear Services' Office of Chief of Staff (Shtab Tyla Armii). These vouchers were filled in with the transportation number of the consignment, the station of origin, and the station to which the consignment was to be sent. They were handed to the German railway authorities, who collected payment on presentation of the vouchers to GHQ GOFG.

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3. The receiving unit, by pre-arrangement with the sender, sent a representative to supervise the loading of the consignment. The same representative would be present at the unloading of the transport.

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4. Requests for railway transportation had to be submitted 45 days in advance of the first of the month in which the transportation was required, i.e., transportation required on 8 August would have to be requested on 15 June. Requests were submitted to the railway branch of 4th Gds. Mecz. Army Hq. (Dorozhnyi Otdel) by units directly subordinate to army hqs. and through division hq. by units subordinated to divisions. Requests for railway transportation had to show:
- a. Station of departure
 - b. Station of arrival
 - c. Number of railway trucks or carriages required
 - d. Nature of load to be transported
5. Once a unit or establishment was allotted railway transportation (Mesyats Planirovanya), the sender fixed a date for loading with the German railway transportation authorities of his local railway station.

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